

(Church Name)

**RE-OPENING PRECAUTIONS
during
PANDEMIC**

(Based upon research and local data. Also, input from the PSWD, our Circuit and the church's insurance company – Ministry Advantage.)

ALL of these are out of love for your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you are not feeling well or do not feel safe attending worship, we encourage you to stay home. We will continue to send out our weekly message online through our website: savinggracelutherancvaz.org Please let us know that you participated with us by e-mailing (email address) Place the words "Worship Attendance" in the subject line, then in the body let us know who worshiped from your household.

If anyone in your household had a fever, feels sick, has a cough or cold symptoms in the last 10 days, or you think you may have come in contact with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, you need to stay home.

If you are in an at-risk category (over 65, heart or lung disease, immunocompromised), we support your decision to worship at home.

Upon entering the building, there will be someone at the door to distribute **hand sanitizer**.

Physical distancing must be maintained between households. Please use the sanctuary, then the fellowship hall for added space. Sound has been provided for the extra area.

The doors will remain open for increased ventilation. The A/C fan will be left ON (not AUTO). New air filters have been installed. Additional fans shall be used to keep the air circulating, as well.

There will be no singing. Singing dramatically spreads droplets from the mouth. However, beautiful music will be played by our musicians.

Face masks are strongly encouraged. IF YOU DID NOT BRING ONE, THEY ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE USE THEM! It is a practical way to love your neighbor unless there is a medical reason that you cannot.

We will be **communing** in a bit different fashion, as well. The church has graciously purchased pre-filled communion cups and packaged wafers. As always, gluten-free will be available. We will receive the sacrament by households. Pastor will consecrate the elements, then parishioners will take their package from the communion tray, commune, and discard the packaging on the way back to their seats. The blessing will be received after all have communed.

We will give our **Tithes** and **Offerings** as we leave so as to avoid passing the plate hand to hand during the service.

When you look at our website, (website address), and linked Facebook page, you will notice pictures of several of your church family **sanitizing the church**. Carpets were steam cleaned. Furniture, books, shelves, doors were wiped down with disinfectant.

After each service, the whole church is to be sanitized again. We have **hospital strength disinfectant** to use for this. Two of you have volunteered, Tomi and Sue. Thank you, ladies! If there are others who would like to help, let us know.

After service, there will be no refreshments or Bible Study until further notice. However, we may develop **digital Bible studies** through the platform of ZOOM, Facebook LIVE or Google Meet.

YOUR church loves and cares for each one of you. That is why these safeguards are in place.

Remember everyone is doing this for the first time and your patience is truly appreciated.

This is the beginning of our return to regular worship on Sundays. There will be adjustments as time progresses. We ask for your patience, understanding and prayers as we move forward.

(signed by church leadership, pastor(s))